Further, it was decided that developed countries should announce their targets latest by 15th Meeting of Parties of the Kyoto Protocol (December, 2009) so that there is no gap between the commitment periods. Developing countries have no obligations of reducing emissions.

Killing of elephants by Nepal Police

1105. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nepal Police has been firing at elephants in Indian territory near border of West Bengal and Nepal;

(b) if so, the number of elephants killed and injured during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that elephants do not reach within firing range of Nepal Police;

(d) whether the matter has been taken up with the Nepal Government; and

(e) if so, the response of Nepal Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Government of West Bengal has reported occasional firing/attacks on wild elephants near border of West Bengal and Nepal by Nepal police and villagers.

(b) As per information furnished by the State, four elephants have been killed and fourteen injured because of firing/attacks in Nepal territory in last three years.

(c) to (e) Although the State Forest Department is taking actions to contain them in Indian territory, the same is difficult since the adjoining forests of the Nepal constitute natural migratory route for the wild elephant of the West Bengal. However, Government of India has taken up the matter with the Government of Nepal to prevent such attacks. The Government of Nepal has responded positively.

Illegal mining in Orissa

1106. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state whether illegal mining in Orissa is being done without forest and environment clearance specially in Barbil, Keonjhar and Sakinda area and many State Government Officers are also involved in this illegal mining; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): The information is being collected from the State Government of Orissa and will be laid on the table of the House after compilation of the same.

Climate forecasting system

1107. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Climate Conference has recently approved creation of a new climate forecasting system;

(b) if so, whether India has participated in the said conference;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the salient features of the said system;

(e) whether Government proposes to set up the new Global Framework for Climate Services to improve climate forecasts and share that information around the world also; and

(f) if so, the countries which have so far set up such new system and the extent to which the same is authentic as compered to the existing system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Third World Climate Conference (WCC-3) held at Geneva, Switzerland during 31 August-4 September, 2009 organized by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has only decided to establish a Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) to strengthen production, availability, delivery and application of science-based climate prediction and services.

(b) and (c) India participated in the said Conference. Several Heads of State and Government, Ministers and Heads of Delegation were present at the High-level segment of the WCC-3. The Conference requested the Secretary General of the WMO to convene an intergovernmental meeting (IGM) of member States of set up a task force of high-level, independent advisors to prepare a report, and recommend on proposed elements of the GFCS.

(d) to (f) The Task Force of WMO on Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) will finalize the framework of GFCS for its consideration and adoption by the next WMO Congress in 2011. The Government has no proposal to set its own Global Framework for Climate Services.

Impact of fire in IOC depot at Jaipur

1108. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any study to assess the environmental impact caused due to recent fire in IOC depot at Jaipur;

(b) if so, the details is this regard;

(c) whether IOC has obtained clearance from his Ministry before setting up of such a huge depot;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Government of Rajasthan has constituted a